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In re Appln. of: Julius W. Zuehlke et al.

Appln. No.: 10/536,670 ✓

Filed: May 27, 2005

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
UNIFORMLY ADDING PARTICULATES
TO A COATING ON COMESTIBLES, AND
PRODUCTS PRODUCED THEREBY

Examiner:

Art Unit: 1712

Attorney Docket No: 1391/1650

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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; Copies of cited references A14-A25, copy of International Search Report mailed May 27, 2005 for Serial No. PCT/US2004/028732.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Assignee
4,127,677	11/28/1978	Fronczkowski et al.
4,744,991	05/17/1988	Serpelloni
5,171,589	12/15/1992	Richey et al.
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DE 3732677 A1	06/04/1989	Germany
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OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Brochure for Model HS-42 HI-SPEED VIBRATORY FEEDER, Eriez Magnetics, 1999, 6 pages
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Product sheet for Happydent Defensive, Perfetti Van Melle S.p.A, printed from www.perfetti.it/products.php on 12/22/2003, one page
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Product Information sheet for Edible Glitter Blue – F290038, Watson Foods Co., Inc., undated, but prior to April 12, 2004, two pages

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English (except one German patent, for which an English translation has been provided), no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R §1.98(a)(3). However, many of these references were cited in a search report in the parent PCT Application No. PCT/US2004/028732. A copy of that search report is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

Applicants' assignee, The Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company, acquired Gum Tech International Inc., the applicant listed for PCT published application WO 02/19834. It is noted that the inventive entity in each application is different. One of the inventors listed in that application was consulted by the below signed attorney regarding the process by which speckles were applied during the development of the invention of that application. It is believed that none of the product developed as part of the Gum Tech work was ever sold or

publicly disclosed in the United States. It is therefore uncertain as to whether that development would in any way constitute prior art against the present application. However, out of an abundance of caution, it is noted that the inventors in the Gum Tech process had used a hand held air atomizer to distribute speckles to chewing gum pellets during a coating operation prior to September 2, 2004, the filing date of the parent PCT application for this case. If the Examiner believes that any of this information would be material to the patentability of the claims of the present application, or has questions in this regard, he is invited to direct those questions to the below signed attorney.

Applicants are aware of a number of products that were on sale prior to the filing date of their application that included speckles in the coating of the product; for example, Hershey's Ice Breakers Unleashed coated chewing gum products. However, Applicants are not aware of the process or apparatus used to make such products, nor do they believe that products with a uniform number of speckles on all products in a given batch, such as called for in claim 44, have been sold in the United States more than one year prior to the filing date of the parent PCT application.

Because this statement is being filed prior to the first Office Action, Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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	A15	EP 0516310 A2	12/02/1992	Europe		
	A16	WO 97/12607	04/10/1997	WIPO		
	A17	WO 97/22264	06/26/1997	WIPO		
	A18	WO 99/44436	09/10/1999	WIPO		
	A19	WO 02/19834 A	03/14/2002	WIPO		
	A20	WO 03/047362 A	06/12/2003	WIPO		

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.</small>	
	A21	Brochure for Model HS-42 HI-SPEED VIBRATORY FEEDER, Eriez Magnetics, 1999, 6 pages
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